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Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The United Nations Forum on Forests held its twelfth session at United Nations Headquarters on 25 April 2016 and from 1 to 5 May 2017. The Forum held __ plenary meetings (1st to __).

2. At the 1st meeting, on 25 April 2016, the Chair pro tempore and Vice-Chair of the eleventh session of the Forum, Srećko Juričić (Croatia), opened the twelfth session.

3. At the 2nd meeting, on 1 May 2017, the President of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly, Peter Thomson (Fiji), and the Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, Marie Chatardová (Czechia), addressed the Forum.

4. At the same meeting, opening statements were made by the Chair of the twelfth session, Peter Besseau (Canada); the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Wu Hongbo; and the Director of the Forum Secretariat, Manoel Sobral Filho.

B. Election of officers

5. At its 1st meeting, on 25 April 2016, the Forum elected, by acclamation, Peter Besseau (Canada) as Chair and Clarissa Souza Della Nina (Brazil), Wu Zhimin (China) and Tomas Krejzar (Czechia) as Vice-Chairs of the twelfth session.

6. At its 2nd meeting, on 1 May 2017, the Forum elected, by acclamation, Baudelaire Ndong Ella (Gabon) as Vice-Chair of the twelfth session.

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7. At the same meeting, the Forum appointed Tomas Krejzar (Czechia) as Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur of the twelfth session.

C. Agenda and organization of work

8. At its 2nd meeting, on 1 May 2017, the Forum adopted its provisional agenda for the session as contained in document E/CN.18/2017/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Implementation of the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030:
   (a) Technical discussion and exchange of experiences on the thematic and operational priorities, priority actions and resource needs for the period 2017-2018, taking into account the review cycle of the high-level political forum on sustainable development during the biennium and the theme of the International Day of Forests;
   (b) Voluntary announcement of voluntary national contributions, where appropriate;
   (c) United Nations system-wide contributions to the implementation of the global forest goals and targets.
4. Monitoring, assessment and reporting:
   (a) Cycle and format for voluntary national reporting on the implementation of the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030, including the United Nations forest instrument and voluntary national contributions;
   (b) Progress on the development of global forest indicators;
   (c) Further measures to better synchronize data collection and reduce reporting burden.
5. Means of implementation:
   (a) Initial discussions on the guidelines for the operation of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network and the availability of resources;
   (b) Progress on the activities and operation of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network.
6. Enhanced cooperation, coordination and engagement on forest-related issues:
   (a) Information on intersessional activities;
      (i) Information on the workplan of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests and actions to strengthen its operations in support of the Strategic Plan and the quadrennial programme of work for the period 2017-2020;
      (ii) Regional and subregional partners;
      (iii) Major groups and other relevant stakeholders;
      (iv) Communication and outreach activities;

(b) Revision of the existing guidelines for country-led initiatives and similar initiatives to enhance their contribution to the work of the Forum.

7. Emerging issues and challenges.

8. Forum Trust Fund.

9. Date and venue for the thirteenth session of the Forum.

10. Provisional agenda for the thirteenth session of the Forum.

11. Adoption of the report of the Forum on its twelfth session.

9. Also at its 2nd meeting, the Forum approved the provisional organization of work for the session, as circulated in an informal paper in English only, with the understanding that it might be further revised as warranted.

D. Attendance

10. In accordance with paragraph 4 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/35, the Forum is composed of all States Members of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies, with full and equal participation. The list of participants will be issued as document E/CN.18/2017/INF/1.

E. Documentation

11. The documentation considered by the Forum at its twelfth session is available from the website of the Forum at www.un.org/esa/forests/forum/current-session/index.html.